

Focus on 5th



News and Events in the 5th Grade
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Important Dates

Mar 9	Holmes School Reading Olympics Competition
Mar 9	District Art Show Opening reception at OPRF
Mar 10	Chorus Concert
Mar 11	Science Research Paper Due Today
Mar 12	PTO Silent Auction
Mar 15	BRAVO Preview Walking Field Trip
Mar 18	2nd Trimester Report Cards Go Home

Dear Families,

Edward's reunion with Abilene marked the end of Edward's journey just as our completion of the book marked the end of the "One School One Book" program. Hopefully your family enjoyed reading *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* together because we certainly had a lot of fun discussing it at school for the past several weeks. Ask your student about the exciting, all-school assembly that took place on Friday to mark the end of our adventures with Edward Tulane.

We are so proud of our 5th graders. The students really did do their best on the ISAT tests last week! We will be conducting make-up exams throughout this week if your child was absent last week. Another big thank you to all of the families who contributed snacks for the week.

As the end of the year approaches, so do many of the exciting activities that our students have the opportunity to participate in as 5th graders at Holmes School. One of these activities is the Student-Staff Basketball game which is scheduled for March 25th. As we discussed with all students last week, students who are missing work in any of the four classes by March 21st will not be allowed to participate in the game. Students who are missing work in any of the four classes by March 24th will not be allowed to watch the game, and will be working on their incomplete work during that time.

SPECIALS

Physical Education

We will be having our **7th Annual Holmes Parents Vs. Holmes Staff fundraiser basketball game**. The game will take place on **March 19, 2011** at Gwendolyn Brooks Middle School. It will start at 7pm. Admissions is \$5 for adults, \$2 for children and \$10 for a family of 3 or more.

Spanish

Students have started their new story, ***Carlos y los Tres Monstruos***. Students can read the story for 15 extra points. It is posted on the blog: <http://mpoleski.blogspot.com/p/quintofifth.html>

Art

Art Shows!!! This wednesday, 3/9, is the opening reception for the District 97 Art Show from 6-7:30pm at OPRF high school. The artwork is on display through the end of the month. The second art show is happening at the Oak Park Public Library and is on display now. Holmes artists from 5P, 4R, 3A and KB have artwork on display until the end of the month.



Reading/Literature

Students did a nice job introducing the novels to the next group of students. On Friday, we will begin our second novel study. 5P and 5Y will read *Under the Blood Red Sun* and 5K and 5M will read *The Breadwinner*. We will be using a literature circle format, so students will have a few comprehension questions each week, as well as a role sheet to complete by Friday. The role sheets will be attached to the wiki for your reference by Friday, March 11th. To prepare for our study, students will be reading articles to help increase their background knowledge before diving into their novels.

Math

This week we return to rational numbers. We will be focusing primarily on multiplication of fractions and mixed numbers. Today we worked on folding paper to model finding a fraction of a fraction. Later this week, we will develop an algorithm for multiplying fractions. We will have a short quiz on Friday covering fraction multiplication.

Science

This week, the students will be learning about the nervous system and the brain. Just a reminder that the final draft of their disease research paper is due this Friday, March 11th. Students know that their final drafts must be typed. There are computers that students can use during study hall if they need to type their paper at school. Students should turn in their final drafts in the file folder they received three weeks ago along with their rubric, information sheet, source cards, outline and rough draft.

Social Studies

This week we will welcome students from Nakanonishi High School in Nagano, Japan, who are part of OPRFHS's exchange program. Fifth graders will have a chance to work with them on a craft project and ask questions about their country and culture. After finishing up on the Texas and Mexican War and Moving West lessons, we will jump into the Civil War unit and a new long-term project. Look for more information to come in the newsletter and on the wiki!

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